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FSIS NOTICE

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EXPORT STAMP MANUFACTURING ERROR

Due to a manufacturing error, the most recent batch of FSIS export stamps received at the FSIS Field Supply Center are not in the format described in 9 CFR 312.8 (but actually shown in 9 CFR 312.10) and 9 CFR 381.104. A number of the incorrect stamps were distributed with an "H" to the left and right of the certificate number instead of a star.

Office of Field Operations personnel who have export stamps in the format shown under the example of an incorrect stamp should **stop using** these incorrect stamps **immediately** for any export activity including marking boxes and for application to certificates. Only stamps in the format indicated in the regulations cited above and shown in the example of a correct stamp below may be used.

Office of Field Operations personnel should not return the stamps; however they should cut off or deface the rubber imprinting of the seal. District Managers may need to reallocate correct versions of export stamps among establishments until they are again available in the Field Supply Center.

Example of Correct Stamp



Example of Incorrect Stamp



Any questions should be referred to the Technical Service Center at 1-800-233-3935.

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